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TO AMEMBASSY LOME

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E. O. LL652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PC TOGO PERSONNEL

EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DEPASSTSECY SMITH - AF

REF: LOME 686 AND 696

1. I HAVE REMAINED IN TOUCH WITH ANDREW BELL THIS WEEK. AS YOU KNOW, HE HAS TURNED OFF CHASTAIN EVALUATION TRIP ON GROUNDS CHASTAIN NEUTRALIZED BY DOYLE TRIP ACCRA. PCW HOPES TO SEND EXPERIENCED OFFICIAL OUT NEXT WEEK FROM WASHINGTON FOR TWO- WEEK EVALUATION OF SITUATION. AVAILABILITY OF PARTICULAR PERSON WILL NOT BE KNOWN BEFORE MONDAY. IN MEANTIME KIMMINS REMAINING HERE.

2. BELL TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE HE HAS RESPONDED TO 13 INDIVIDUAL LETTERS FROM VOLUNTEERS URGING THEM TO REMAIN CALM AND ASSURING THEM THAT PCW IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AND TAKING NECESSARY MEASURES TO RESTORE HEALTH TO TOGO PROGRAM.

3. PCW IS AWARE OF UNHEALTHY AND DANGEROUS PC SITUATION IN LOME. THEY ARE DECIDELY DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM AND ARE NOW MORE PREPARED TO TAKE RADICAL STEPS IF EVALUATION
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CONCLUDES SUCH STEPS JUSTIFIED. IN MEANTIME HOPE IS TO
KEEP LID ON AS WELL AS POSSIBLE AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
ASSISTANCE IN CALMING THE VARIOUS HOT HEADS. ROGERS

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